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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: ANTI HIJACKING PASSENGER PRESCREENING,
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1. PASSENGER PRESCREENING AT TAIPEI INTERNATIONAL AIR-
PORT CURRENTLY IS CONDUCTED IN TWO STAGES AS FOLLOWS:

A) ALL CHECKED BAGGAGE IS SEARCHED AT END OF
PASSENGER TICKET COUNTER BY MINIMUM OF TWO GRC
PERSONNEL (ONE CUSTOMS INSPECTOR AND ONE SECURITY
OFFICIAL FROM TAIWAN GARRISON COMMAND). THIS
SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL INSPECTION OF TICKETED HOLD
BAGGAGE, IN THE MAIN, IS A CHECK FOR EXPLOSIVES TO
UNCOVER POTENTIAL SUICIDES AS WELL AS SABOTAGE.
(CHECKED BAGGAGE IS EXPEDITIOUSLY REMOVED FROM
THE US CARRIER CARGO HOLD SHOULD THE TICKETED
PASSENGER/OWNER/FAIL TO PASS THROUGH GATESIDE CONTROL).

B) HAND BAGGAGE, WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY ELECTRONICALLY
AND VISUALLY SCREENED AT TWO EXITS ADJACENT TO DE-
PARTURE IMMIGRATION BOOTHS, IS NOW SEARCHED AT
GATESIDE IN CONTROLLED ACCESS AREA BY MINIMUM OF
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ONE MALE AND ONE FEMALE SECURITY PERSONNEL OF TAIWAN GARRISON COMMAND ASSISTED BY TWO CUSTOMS OFFICIALS. A BODY SEARCH IS PERFORMED AT GATESIDE AS LOCALLY-PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE TO PREVIOUS MAGNETIC/ELECTRONIC SCREENING WHICH WAS CONSIDERED INEFFECTIVE (TWA HAS SUPPLIED TWO IMPROVED LATEST-MODEL MAGNETOMETERS WHICH GRC CIVAIR OFFICIALS ARE NOW STUDYING).

2. US CARRIER PERSONNEL ASSIST IN SCREENING, ACT AS INTERPRETERS AND QUEUE MONITORS, AND ARRANGE TO CHECK ARTICLES UNACCEPTABLE FOR CARRY-ON THAT ARE IDENTIFIED IN THE SEARCH. BOTH TRANSIT AND ORIGINATING PASSENGERS ARE SUBJECTED TO THIS PRE-BOARDING SEARCH. TWA--WITH TEL AVIV FOUR STOPS AWAY ON ITS ROUND-WORLD SCHEDULE--CONSIDERS ITSELF POTENTIALLY MORE VULNERABLE THAN OTHER CARRIERS SERVING TAIPEI AND IS ESPECIALLY REGOROUS IN ITS OWN PASSENGER SURVEILLANCE.

3. BOTH US CARRIERS HERE (NWA AND TWA) STATE-AND EMBOFF OBSERVATION CONFIRMS-THAT GRC IS TAKING SERIOUSLY ITS PASSENGER PRESCREENING PROGRAM AS BEST DETERRENT AGAINST HI-JACKING AND AIRCRAFT SABOTAGE.
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